



"In His hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also."—Psalm 95:4.

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Current Signs

A DIGEST OF CURRENT EVENTS BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

Uranium Bomb

In 1941, in the December issue of this paper, we reported that a ten-pound uranium bomb would blast a hole 25 miles in diameter and wreck every structure within 100 miles. We also reported that chemists in Germany, Britain, and in the United States were searching for a method which would permit the practical use of this terrific energy which was a million times more destructive than dynamite.

This last month we were startled with the report that the United States had dropped atomic bombs on Japan, producing terrifying destruction beyond anything heretofore possible. It was the means of causing Japan to capitulate, thus saving millions of lives that would have been lost in a prolonged struggle.

According to one report the uranium in the 400-pound atomic bomb is no larger than a pea and thus far they have been only able to get about one per cent efficiency out of it and still cause the terrific damage. You can imagine what would happen with one hundred per cent explosion of 100 pounds or more of uranium. The force would be so great that it could create an artificial earthquake that would rock a continent.

According to an Associated Press report, the Germans were in the process of getting into mass production of an improved V-2 rocket bomb capable of pinpoint accuracy at a range of 3,000 miles. This same reporter stated that the Germans felt that in two years they could develop rockets capable of traveling 15,000 miles.

It is also reported that the Germans were feverishly working on the atomic bomb, but our strategic bombing delayed this development. One can imagine what the outcome of this war would have been if the Germans had been able to get into mass production of V-2 bombs with sufficient range to reach our continent, its war head loaded with this atomic bomb. We can thank the Lord that they were overcome before they were able to utilize such a weapon.

World's Largest Plane

The AP on July 17 announced details on the world's largest airplane, a flying boat weighing 213 tons, wing-spread 320 feet, hull 220 feet long, 30 feet high, 25 feet wide, and could carry 750 fully equipped soldiers. It is powered by eight 3,000 horsepower engines. Gasoline capacity only 14,000 gallons or about two tank cars.

Pipe Lines Across Channel

Did you know that the Allies had twenty hitherto secret three-inch pipelines under the English Channel through which were pumped an average of a million gallons of gasoline a day?

The Fastest Plane

Recently a P-80 averaged some 772 miles an hour from Nashville to Memphis. If they keep increasing the speeds of planes very much more they could leave New York at a certain time and get to San Francisco before they started, because of the three hours difference in time.

Legislators Bibled

It was a B-Day for California's legislators. Samuel Fulton, Milwaukee industrialist and six-time international president of the Gideon Society, gave each lawmaker a standard Bible, with the recipient's name stamped on the cover in gold.

Three Dimensional Television

Three dimensional television has been worked out, very hush hush, by big radio companies. Result is telepictures with life-like depth. Biggest snag, technicians found, is that third dimension takes a wider broadcast band, and is more costly.

GI Clergymen

Upwards of 2,700 men in the armed forces want to be ministers after the war.

Many of them are now chaplains' assistants. Their names have been sent to the 67 denominations they represent.

Clergy recruits in Europe will start pre-theological studies overseas under U. S. Government education programs. Even if all the 8,000 Protestant chap-

lains return to home parishes, there will still be a serious minister shortage.

Temperance

CIGARETTES: A New York cigarette manufacturer recently conducted a survey to find out who was smoking the most cigarettes in this country. He found that women were smoking 69 per cent of the total civilian supply.

Factory Chaplains

Military chaplains planning to enter industrial pastoral service after the war are getting six weeks of "know-how" at Illinois' Wheaton College. There they are offered credits in personal evangelism, factory organization and administration, personnel and industrial relations, organized labor problems, health and safety.

Nearby industrial plants, *United Evangelical Action* reports, will become "laboratories" for observing the "practical side" of industrial chaplaincy.

Capital of United Nations

Governor Earl Warren said it is well within the realm of possibility that the capital of the United Nations may be located in California.

The Next War

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker predicts: "The next war, if it occurs, will not be conducted by fleets of ships and planes but by long-range bombs and rockets, which are at the threshold of untold developments and expansion. It will be a war of long-range artillery duels across the oceans."

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The War Is Over

by W. T. GASTON

Those of us who were listening will never forget the impact of those words when at long last the official announcement was released to a tense world. We had been prepared and expectant for days, yet we could hardly believe that the awful scourge of war could be lifted



W. T. Gaston

so quickly from a struggling desperate world. It will be months before the war-tension will be fully relaxed, and, alas, for some the scars will never be fully erased.

The signing of the peace treaties will climax the most colossal conflict in the long history of our warring world, a conflict that was decided, not by the valor and endurance of service personnel alone, but by the combined strength of the United Nations who pooled their moral, physical, and intellectual resources that liberty and freedom should not perish from the earth; and last, but not least, by the merciful goodness of God Who has once again said to the blatant forces of tyranny and oppression, "Thus far shalt thou go, but no farther."

The Christian elements in our nation will find occasion for profound thanksgiving that the unity of purpose which bound the allied nations was not frustrated by the subtle propaganda of the Axis. Some day it will be known that our diplomats were sitting on powder kegs while hot-headed extremists in every country were seeking to apply the torch. God give us diplomats in the spiritual kingdom who will guard the essentials and disregard the extremists.

Personally, I am wondering if the belligerent attitude towards Soviet Russia over the religious issue should not be softened somewhat pending further light on the changing trends in that country. There is no doubt about the atheistic temper of the Russian revolution. It was flagrantly anti-Christian, but so was the revolution in France in the long ago. However, it did not take the French

people long to swing back to a more normal and reasonable attitude toward religion. And there is some evidence now that Russia is feeling her way toward a more tolerant position. I am hopeful that soon the doors will be open to the gospel, that a spiritual revolution will break out that will shake the very foundations of the decadent church hierarchy which must forever share responsibility for the intense hatred against religion that marked the uprising against the Czarist regime.

Of course, no one can predict with any degree of certainty how the political or religious attitudes of the enigmatic bear will finally crystalize. Would it not be in good taste, at least while there is a general feeling of gratitude for the great contribution that nation has made to the cause for which our country, too, has made prodigious sacrifices, if public utterances of the more rabid type were put in mothballs for a while? Of course, these temporarily suspended preachments could be retrieved later, if, indeed, we decide that they are not outmoded.

Atomic energy shortened the war. We have this on the authority of the Japs themselves. For 75 years scientists have been playing with the idea, but under the pressure of all-out war, American and British scientists have produced a weapon that has staggered the imagination of the world, and brought the arrogant, fanatical Japs to their senses. What an unspeakable mercy to us that our hard-boiled enemies did not discover this secret first—another reason why we should be humble and prayerful at this time of national rejoicing. Our national sins are many; yet God has trusted us with this amazing power, and with complete victory. This, added up, amounts to "grave responsibility."

Yes, the shooting war is over for now; but the fight against the causes of war is still on. The devil is still on the loose, and sin is rampant everywhere. It is wonderful to have peace from armed conflict, but, really, "there is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked" (Isa. 57: 21).

Any realistic picture of "our present evil world" is a pathetic one. However energetically peace-loving nations set

about winning the peace and building a decent friendly world order, we will do well to remember that our tools are inadequate and our technique clumsy and unskilled. Progress, therefore, will be slow and irregular. This is not defeatism; it is realism. Real Christians everywhere subscribe wholeheartedly to the four freedoms, and to these they add a fifth—freedom from sin. They will do their best to make the world better, and to keep their faith if it gets worse.

The world men dream of; the society that good, but mistaken men hope to build; the peace which will really quiet the discordant elements of maladjusted, frustrated, sin-distorted humanity until it can be said with finality "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more," this must wait the coming of Him Whose right it is to rule, and the binding of "the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience" (Eph. 2:2) (Rev. 20:1-4).

In closing these rambling meditations on the close of the war, may I make some brief suggestions concerning what I conceive to be a proper frame of mind as we face the most difficult re-adjustment period in world history: first, deep humility before God; second, intolerance of superior attitudes; third, generosity and charity toward all men; fourth, eagerness to co-operate in the greatest spiritual crusade since the early days of the church. God give us grace to find a place and make a contribution.

An Indispensable Part

If Christ is the Door, you are the doorkeeper to open or close it for others.

If He is the Light of the world, you are the bearer of that light to the end of the earth.

If He is the Vine, you are the fruit-bearing branch that draws life from that Vine.

If He is the Bread of Life, you are to break it to those that hunger.

If He is the Truth, you are the truth-bearer, the interpreter of the truth.

If He is the bright and morning star, you are to brush aside the clouds that veil His beauty from the world, that humanity may see and live forever.

Oh, glorious Truth, that we are an indispensable part of the great plan and program of the Father.

—Selected.

The War Is Over

J. NARVER GORTNER.

(Read by the author in a special victory service conducted in Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco, and broadcast over Station KSAN, August 14, 1945.)

The war is over, and our hearts are glad,
For peace has come again. Oh, weary world,
Lift up thy head! Though shaken, torn, and sad,
The battle flags on far flung fields are furled!
The war is over!

The war is over, and our lads will soon
Be coming home to greet their loved ones here!
Peace has returned, we trust a lasting boon.
Let malice cease! Be banished, hate and fear!
The war is over!

The war is over, and on fields afar,
On Okinawa, Iwo Jima, Guam—
Wherever war has raged,—let now no jar,
Or unbecoming discord, cloud the calm.
The war is over!

The war is over, but for some 'twas o'er
Long days, or months, or even years ago:
Their bodies sleep on some far distant shore,
Or rest in peace where ocean currents flow.
The war is over!

The war is over, and our boys who died
We have resolved shall not have died in vain:
We purpose now through methods yet untried,
By help of God, our cherished goal to gain.
The war is over!

The war is over, and 'twas God, —'twas He,
Who made the atoms and who made the sun,
Who victory gave, and all mankind should see
That without Him no victory can be won.
The war is over!

The war is over! Yes, atomic bombs,
Our naval forces, and our troops on land,
Played an important part, but victory palms
Would not be waving had not God thus planned.
The war is over!

The war is over! Credit each shall share
Who did his part whate'er that part might be,
At home, afar, on sea or land, in air,—
But who was back of all? Our God! 'Twas He!
The war is over!

The war is over! So let every land
Adore that Lord who made the earth and skies!
Wherever men are by God's breezes fanned
Let praises in one mighty volume rise!
The war is over!

"... and Fire"

Our Lord spent three years training twelve men in Christian living, in the hope that they might be used to establish the Christian Church. He gave them all the working formula, and laid down principles which, if put into practice, had to work. In His closing words, however, He told them to wait for the Holy Ghost and fire. He knew that no matter how finished their education, how perfect their organization, or how hard they might work as Pentecostal leaders, all would be a failure unless they received that fire. He knew that with the fire they would pass from the commonplace to the mighty. He knew that if they possessed it, men would wonder at them, as though they had been made anew. He knew that they would not only wonder at themselves, but at the grace of God which could thus transform men.

A great battleship lies at anchor—beautiful, perfect, but powerless. But when fire is put in the firebox, she becomes a mighty force. On her deck we see a great gun. It is just a pile of steel. Birds roost upon it with confidence. Even children play around it in safety. It is splendid but harmless. Then the order is given for action. We see the gunner slide a great shell into the barrel. But it is still powerless and harmless. Then a button is touched and fire enters the percussion cap of that shell. In the twinkling of an eye it becomes a thing of power and destruction.

Fire in the heart of the preacher makes all the difference between dead, formal churches, and live, powerful ones.

—Pentecostal Testimony.

Faith Focused

I suppose that if all the time I have prayed for faith were put together, it would amount to months. I used to say, "What we want is faith; if we only have faith, we can turn Chicago upside down." or, rather right side up. I thought that some day faith would come down and strike me like lightning. But faith did not seem to come. One day I read in the tenth chapter of Romans, "Now, faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." I had closed my Bible and prayed for faith. I now opened my Bible, and began to study, and faith has been growing ever since.—D. L. Moody.

THIS was our first service in Gold Coast, and the church had come together to worship. We were all new missionaries to this field. Brother and Sister Thomas and their two children had only preceded the Wiles family and ourselves by six weeks. We stood at the door by the platform for a moment before we entered. The native pastor was leading the first song as we crossed before the altar to take our seats. A ripple of excitement moved gently over the congregation—and returned to pass over us too, leaving a peculiar sensation. It was more a sense of awe than any other emotion. God was in His holy temple, and the natural curiosity of our hearts and the “earth” in us quickly receded into silence before His presence. It was evident that He was going to say something to each one “who had an ear.”

This was a service ordered by the heart of God. He had a great work to do in us—a work that must be done during our first service. If our lives and ministries were to succeed, as He counts success, there must be a work of confirmation done. Without it, we could easily be turned into channels that are usually termed Christian, but never actually serve the purposes of God. The spiritual purposes of our coming must be given a demonstration, and all heaven came down to lend assistance to our dull senses. If one had ears to hear, there could be no doubt about the importance which God was placing on this service.

It was not what anyone said in addressing the congregation, that revealed His working, for there was no actual preaching. This was scheduled as a welcoming service, and each one was to bring a word of greeting. It was the attendance of the people at the altar of worship as they ministered unto God that gripped the heart. These people were satisfying His heart in their worship, and we, who had come so far and who knew so much, must learn that this is the end of a spiritual ministry to this people.

From this point on, the Holy Spirit would lead them. Here they stood in His presence, spiritual priests unto God. Oh, the conviction of that hour! It can never be forgotten. Every exercise of their hearts, like the blows of a hammer, fell again and again upon our hearts until we were broken. One felt dreadfully weak and helpless and worthless in that atmosphere. It was not easy to stand

If We Had Ears To Hear

By HAROLD S. LEHMANN

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“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.”
(Rev. 3:13).

for even a brief moment and tell the people that you were thankful that God had chosen you to come and dwell among them. Though no one said as much, it is quite probable that no one of us spoke to the people as we had planned to speak before we entered the service.

The greater number present were men. Standing straight and tall and strong, they sang:

*From Greenland's icy mountains,
From India's coral strand,
Where Africa's sunny fountains,
Roll down their golden sand;
From many an ancient river,
From many a palmy plain,
They call us to deliver
Their land from error's chain.
What though the spicy breezes
Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle;
Though every prospect pleases,
And only man is vile:
In vain with lavish kindness
The gifts of God are strown;
The heathen in his blindness
Bows down to wood and stone.*

If the people in our churches at home could have only heard the prayer! An African, one of our own Spirit-filled Assemblies of God converts, cried to God in his own language, and as the people again and again said, “Amen” and “Hallelujah,” the fountains of the deep broke in our hearts. This prayer was incense, driven upward by the passion of an earnest heart. We did not understand what he said, but we all thought we knew. We were conscious that God was hearing and we knew that since He heard, He would answer.

The pastor's welcome was warm and sincere. But it was his prayer that be-

came the master stroke in our crushing. We have always frowned on the idea of written prayers. To make a word-for-word record of a prayer has almost seemed sacrilege; but, in spite of past convictions, I could wish that this prayer had been recorded and placed in the hands of our constituency, both at home and abroad.

If only the churches of America could have heard the volume of praise that went up to God. He thanked God for light, but in his voice was a pathos that made one to know that the darkness of his people and of Africa was at that moment an experience of his own soul. Standing in the Light, he looked out into the darkness. Praise rose in intensity. He blessed God for Jesus, for His life and death and His living again. He magnified God for the plan of redemption that would include all who believe in simple faith—even his people. He thanked God for the churches in America, “who have sacrificed to send us the gospel,” and he prayed that God would reward them “according to Thy knowledge of their faithfulness.” If the churches could have heard, missionary enthusiasm would never again wane. Offerings would triple in the next twelve months.

If those in the homeland who have come to this field in dedication to His will, could have only heard the pastor pray: “Dear Lord, in Thy kindness, remember those who came unto us and taught us from the beginning. They have gone from us; now, we who are the fruit of their labor, do pray for them. Be Thou very near them. Bless them and cause them to think on us who have believed. Strengthen them in body, for they gave of their strength to us and to Thee. Encourage their hearts, for the work was hard and long.” That prayer would have had a tremendous effect upon one who has lived among this people. To have heard it would have wonderfully comforted those who have come and gone. It might have possibly rekindled the fires of yester-years and they might possibly seek anew for strength and means to return.

If the students in our Bible schools at home could have heard his prayer for laborers and teachers, they could never again rest in spirit until they were certain that they had a place in this great harvest field—the world. Watchful hours and deep consecration would have fol-

lowed until the will of God would burn as a fire within each breast. Hours that so often slip away with no tangible result left in their passing would become hours of application. One does not spend hours in preparation when once he reaches the field. His daily study of the Word in search of food for himself and his people will consume great portions of his time. He can only use the tools with which he has equipped himself in days gone by. Often they are pitifully few and weak when they could be many and "mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds."

If the pastors at home could have heard this prayer, whole ministries would be changed. There would be a very diligent effort made to inspire a love for souls. Personal evangelism would almost become a *must* as evidence of spiritual growth. More time would be spent in group teaching, and less and less in merely trying to build up a Sunday night audience. Values would be placed upon devotion and consecrated zeal. Preparation for the daily evangelical living of the people would take precedence over personal development or desire for place, name, or position. Every convert would be a potential soul winner. The youth of our movement would be held before God with real purpose.

If our families could have heard that prayer, fingers that perhaps rather reluctantly loosened their grasp to let us go, would fly open and upward in delightful abandon and praise to the God who wills for the lives of men. Twice over they would send us forth with joy. He who so freely gives us all things would find us as freely offered upon the altars of their hearts and the only accompanying prayer would be that we might be a "whole burnt offering to the Lord." This is the love and devotion and abandon that quickens the messenger's step and lifts his heart. God and His people are hearing together when the groanings of a creation that awaits a day of redemption cause heavy travail in the hearts of the saints.

If we who were present really heard that prayer, we will never be the same. There could never be a doubt concerning His power to save, nor concerning the power of this gospel we have come to teach. The glitter of any and every personal ambition could never shine as brightly as the glory of that

The Slumbering Church

by M. P. BOHNET—Santa Rosa

We are living in days of drowsiness and slumbering. Men are falling asleep everywhere, in the air, on trains, on ships, in autos, and even in church.

What is wrong? Satan has played havoc, ruining and wrecking humanity until it has worn itself to a frazzle. God did not intend for man to labor as hard as he does, but the sinfulness and greediness of man has made him what he is.

God intended for man to enjoy all His bounties, to eat and drink, and to be as carefree as the birds of the air. In the beginning, man did not need any clothes, nor fire for warmth. God had dressed him in his beauty. There was no need for plowing, sowing, and reaping. Everything was in abundance. All he had to do was to eat and drink and be merry. When greediness entered into his heart, and he fell through sin, the curse came upon him. Thus, today by the sweat of his brow, he is eating his bread. The condition has been waxing worse and worse, and today man is a sad spectacle, sinful, diseased, with sores from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet. There seems to be no soundness about him, for there is hardly a well man to be found. Satan has inoculated man with the deadly poison, leaving him so that he walks around in a daze, half asleep and half awake, half alive and half dead, spiritually as well as physically.

The question arises, what shall we do? Where shall we go? Simon Peter knew what to do, for he said; "To whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God." Hallelujah! He can and will solve all of our problems.

The Lord can arouse man from his lethargy, his carelessness, indifference, lukewarmness, faultfindings, criticism, jealousy, and all carnality. God is able to do abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

hour. Life could never hold any greater joy than to live for Him and in Him among this people. Africa—our home! Africans—our people! The Lord God Almighty—our God!

The prophets and the apostles had to contend with lukewarmness. They warned the people to shake themselves loose from the dust. And true it is that man has his nose in the dust more than in heavenly things. Let me sound the clarion call loud and strong, awake out of your sleep, for our salvation is nearer than it ever was before. Put on your strength, my brother; "put on your beautiful garments." If you do, you will not walk in the slime and slush of the world; you will keep yourself unspotted from the world. We are to put on strength, and stand. Strength will return only when we have Jehovah's mighty arm around us. God's strength is needed everywhere today, for man cannot stand in his own strength. If he does, he will surely fall.

The church of Zion of the Old Testament Scriptures is the Christian church today. As they did in that day, we have today the commanding summons to clothe ourselves, as the church of Christ, with strength from above; not in strength of material things, but in holy garments, beautiful in righteousness, that we might be able to stand undaunted in steadfastness! not shaken as the reed by the riverside by every ripple of water and wind. We are to be steadfast, a granite rock; for when we are anchored in the Rock of Ages, we cannot fall.

Jesus Christ wants His church to be strong, strong in holiness, in spiritual freedom, and in faithfulness; for iniquity is abounding on every hand, but where iniquity aboundeth, grace doth more abound. We are not to be overcome by evil, but are to overcome evil with good.

The spirit of worldliness has made itself manifest in the churches, and it has made giant strides in keeping with the trend of the day. The church needs to be strong in holiness, but it cannot be holy until it will live in holiness. It is the pure in heart who will see God. Spiritual strength cannot be assumed at will, but it can be obtained by arousing one's self from lethargy, sloth, and folly. Proper nourishment must be taken if we would be strong. Many people today are spiritually feeble because of spiritual undernourishment. If you want

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Here and There

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Here and There

ALAMEDA—A very good revival campaign was held there from August 1 to 19 by Evangelist Charles Pepper of the Southern California District. The interest was good, souls were at the altar for salvation, and a number received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. R. A. Wilson is the pastor.

ALAMO—Evangelist E. E. Baker of Idaho began a campaign for Pastor W. A. Frazier on August 5.

AUBURN—Brother T. L. Mendenhall, the new pastor, has arrived from Iowa to assume his new duties. Sister Luce and her mother will make their home in Sacramento while Brother Luce, former pastor, continues further studies in Southern California.

BERKELEY—The East Bay fellowship meeting was held in the church of which Sister Eleanor M. Johnson is the pastor. The afternoon speaker was Brother Glenn Horst of the Missions Department in Springfield. Evangelist Charles Pepper, then holding meetings in Alameda, was the evening speaker.

BOONVILLE—Donald W. Morrow has resigned as pastor and has gone to the Janesville church. Sister Ella M. Beare is supplying the pulpit until the new pastor, Sister Bernice Schliecker, arrives in September.

CHOWCHILLA—Brother R. E. Henke has resigned the pastorate to devote himself to the work among the Spanish-speaking people. Brother H. J. Ketner has been chosen to be the new pastor.

CONCORD—Evangelists Cordelia Donnell and Mildred Holler have been holding special meetings in Calvary Temple for Pastor T. S. Gapen. A dedication service in the new building is scheduled for September 24.

CORNING—The new assembly in that community has been affiliated with the General Council recently. Stanley Walsh is the pastor.

DALY CITY—Evangelist T. B. Don Carlos held a good meeting for Pastor Wm. Hayes from August 7 to 24. Brother Hayes has since resigned the pastorate.

EL CERRITO—Evangelist Hans F. Bretschneider recently held special meetings for Pastor L. H. Rogers.

ELKO, NEVADA—Pastor Bernard Tewell reports that Evangelist C. V. Hummell was with them in meetings from July 15 to 29. Brother Emil Lassegues, now of Montreal, Canada, was with them the first two nights of the campaign.

ELY, NEVADA—Brother Paul R. Markstrom has resigned the pastorate. Sister Anna M. Black is serving as pastor at present.

FERNDAL—Pastor Warren V. Pine reports having a very successful Daily Vacation Bible School in July conducted by Sisters Marie Wilson and Mary Cardenas, recent graduates of G.T.B.I. Their ministry was

enjoyed, and all were pleased with the record enrollment in the school.

GRASS VALLEY—The South Sacramento Valley fellowship meeting was held there on August 13. The new pastors in that area were introduced to the fellowship section. They were Brother Harold Byram of Woodland and Brother T. L. Mendenhall of Auburn. The congregation was very much interested in the report and testimony given by an army nurse who is recently back from Germany as she told of her opportunities to witness for the Lord at the front. Pastor John Gouveia of Sacramento was the afternoon speaker. The evening speaker was Pastor Floyd R. Hoole of Colusa, who is presbyter of that section. The church there has recently purchased a parsonage. W. A. McBride is the pastor.

GRIDLEY—Some were saved and some were filled with the Holy Spirit during the four weeks revival meeting with Evangelist Charlotte Rodgers from July 15 to August 12. W. T. Scott is the pastor.

JANESVILLE—Brother Donald W. Morrow, formerly of Boonville, is the new pastor.

KERMAN—Brother Earl Hunt of Mojave has been chosen to be the new pastor there.

LINCOLN—Evangelists Paul and Violet Pipkin held a very successful youth rally for three nights, August 14-16, reports Sister Julia M. Peterson. The meetings closed with a fogot service in which many of the young people renewed their consecrations. E. W. Knutson is the pastor.

LODI—Brother Mark Hinman, the new pastor, took up his duties in Glad Tidings Temple in that city on August 5.

MADERA—The Central California camp meeting conducted by Pastor T. E. Woods is being held again this year in Madera, from August 26 to September 9. Brother H. J. Ketner is the morning Bible teacher, and Brother T. B. Don Carlos is the evening speaker.

NAPA—Brother A. J. Ruedger has been chosen pastor to succeed Brother J. B. Stark who resigned in July.

OAKLAND (Bethel)—A Neighborhood Evangelism Department with a city missionary in full-time work has been inaugurated by Bethel Church. Brother Carl Wilhite is the director of this new department, and is now giving his full time to the ministry. R. H. Moon is pastor.

OAKLAND (Calvary)—Calvary Temple, formerly known as the Tabernacle of God, is moving into its new location at 6118 E. 14th Street, in East Oakland, on September 2. The dedication observance and service will be held at afternoon and evening services on that date. Superintendent W. T. Gaston is to be the speaker at both services.

OAKLAND (First Church)—The parking lot next to the church has been paved and is being beautified with shrubbery. The C.A.'s

are beginning some outside activities, the first of these being the holding of services at the Industrial Home for the Blind which is a few blocks from the church. Pastor C. F. Ferguson reports that the "ministry of Brother Paul Pipkin was effective in creating a city-wide interest manifest by the largest Sunday night attendance witnessed at First Church in years. Results were gratifying."

PACIFIC GROVE—Pastor Oral A. Hart reports: "The Lord gave us a very good revival with Evangelist and Mrs. J. E. Hart of Fort Worth, Texas, from July 1 to 22. . . . As near as we know eight souls prayed through to an experience and three of our congregation received the Holy Ghost baptism. Every meeting was blessed of God, and the Pentecostal altar services were precious indeed."

RIO DELL—The church was dedicated August 6 at the Redwood District fellowship meeting held there on that date. Brother Thurmond was the speaker at the evening service of dedication, and he was also speaker each night of the remainder of the week. Evangelist C. V. Hummell continued on with the special meetings, having part in the first week of meetings with Brother Thurmond. H. C. Lafferty is the pastor.

SACRAMENTO (Bethel Temple)—There was splendid attendance at the C. A. rally held there July 30. Brother Glenn Horst, formerly a missionary to China, now a representative of the Missions Department in Springfield, was the special speaker. Brother Horst was the speaker at the services on Friday and Sunday, July 27 and 29. Nelson E. Hinman is the pastor.

SACRAMENTO (6th St. Mission)—Evangelist and Mrs. M. T. Draper held a revival campaign with Pastor M. L. Crosson. The meetings closed August 19. Brother Draper began a meeting in Quincy August 21.

SAN FRANCISCO (Bethel)—The Peninsula District fellowship meeting was held there August 13. Brother J. R. Edgar of Santa Clara was the afternoon speaker. Brother W. T. Gaston was the speaker in the evening service which was held at the Trinity Presbyterian Church. Charles G. Weston is pastor of Bethel.

SAN FRANCISCO (Glad Tidings)—Evangelist and Mrs. F. Wesley Pope began a revival campaign in the temple on August 19. L. R. Keys is pastor.

SAN RAFAEL—The North Bay fellowship meeting was held there in the Methodist Church on August 20. Brother Floyd L. Smith was host pastor. Sister R. K. Longworth of Mill Valley was the afternoon speaker. Pastor Seth Hartman of Healdsburg brought the evening message. A ministers' round table conference was held before the evening service. The local church served a fellowship dinner between the meetings.

SANTA CRUZ—Pastor A. J. Ruedger has left to accept the call to Napa church. Raymond P. Murray is the new pastor.

SEASIDE—Brother Carroll J. Hodges has been chosen pastor to succeed Brother Charles J. Coffey who has become the pastor of the Pajaro church.

SAUSALITO—During the two weeks meeting recently held by Evangelist Roy (Continued on page 13)

W. M. C. Report

The activities of the Women's Missionary Council during the year, as reported to the secretary, Mrs. R. E. Cull, by the different groups, are as follows: "29 boxes of literature given out, 28 Bibles and New Testaments, 73 boxes of clothing, 1536 garments, 476 calls were made, and 20 baby showers given; also the canning of 400 gallons of fruit was reported.

"Churches were supplied with curtains, rugs, mattresses, and quilts for nurseries, and help was given to supply equipment for Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

"Parsonages were supplied with sheets, rugs, quilts, and curtains; and pastors were given special offerings.

"In the interest of Home Missions, 70 Christmas boxes were given, 33 quilts, 12 boxes of food stuffs, and \$723.25 cash offerings."

We know this report is incomplete, but we are happy for this great amount that has been reported and for the many, many things not reported, but God has seen and will remember.

The following excerpts from letters received express the thanks and appreciation of missionaries and workers who received gifts from the W.M.C. Treasure Chests during the camp meeting.

"We want to thank you for the lovely quilts you sent to us. Every one of the missionaries are so pleased with them. We each got an apron, too, and a little tablecloth. I am sure they were made with loving hands and stitches of love. We surely did enjoy the camp. The women in our tent (the dormitory) were just grand. You fixed us up fine and we had good tent-mates and everything went just lovely. Many thanks."

"I was so delighted with the quilt and apron, too. I lost all my quilts in China and this is the first one I've received towards my new outfit. I think this must be an indication that the way is soon to open for our return. (This was written a whole month before V-J Day.) I really needed an apron, too. Surely the Lord is good! I had a lovely time at camp and felt quite repaid spiritually for going without anything additional."

"We received the lovely comforter you sent us by Sister — and we thank you. It is such a warm one I am sure it will be a great blessing on some cold night in Bolivia."

"I wish to thank the W.M.C. for the \$5.00 you sent. May God bless you and make you a blessing. I am sure the Lord was leading as your gift came just in a time when we needed it. The work of the W.M.C. among the Home Mission stations is really worthy of praise. We are very much in need of encouragement, especially at certain times, and, praise the Lord, He knows when and how to work it out."

"Received the personal offering of \$5.00 and thank you and the W.M.C. for your thoughtfulness and kindness. It makes me feel bad for not having given a report at camp when you asked me. I want to thank the W.M.C. for their help and support to us while being

here. It was a real joy to receive boxes of things that were sent from the different churches. Only a person being in a Home Mission station can really appreciate the things that are sent in. May God richly bless your work for Him."

Many more such letters were received from foreign and home missionaries. These are just samples.

This letter from Brother Juan M. Lucas, 246 E. Jackson St., San Jose, is in answer to the ten boxes of clothing sent for the Philippines. "Thank you for your good letter. I opened every box and saw for myself the clothing you sent. My heart was filled with joy and it began to melt within me as I looked at those nice dresses. They are the very

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Servicemen's Work

V. A. SANDERSON, Representative

Do you believe in miracles? We do, and so does Seaman A. N. who was aboard the Aircraft Carrier Lafayette when it was bombed. Along with hundreds of others, he was blown into the sea. After going under water for the third time, his hands floating limply, he called upon God to save him. A rescue boat saw him and threw a rope which fell directly across the palm of his hand. If it had fallen just a few inches either way, this sailor would have been drowned. It was a close call. On landing in the U. S., he went straight to our Victory Service Center in Long Beach, hunting someone who could lead him to God. There he found salvation.

On the second night of V-J celebration, 15 boys were saved at the chapel service and two through personal work, in our Victory Service Center in Oakland. Another miracle, when thousands were celebrating, wrecking property, and carousing, there were boys that felt they needed Christ.

As we have been visiting different camps we find that boys are still being shipped out. In one camp we were told that they could not get enough Christian literature to give to the boys and to chaplains leaving for overseas duty. We were glad to tell them they could have as many *Reveilles* as they could use, as well as tracts which would explain the way of salvation. *Reveille* is going where we cannot go, and doing the work that some chaplains are failing to do. Some-

where in the Pacific, a boy received one that was worn to shreds. He said he enjoyed it very much and would like another copy sent to him. Hospitalized in the Philippines, a GI, after reading the paper, gave it to a Filipino boy. He began to ask questions; the GI told him the way of salvation and he accepted Christ as his Saviour.

The turn of events in the last few days has created considerable excitement throughout our country. Many people will feel that with the arrival of V-J Day, our responsibility ends, but these men must be served until they return to their home churches. We know you do not want us to stop serving your men as they are confronted with spiritual problems. We do not want to stop. Our service to these men is entirely dependent upon the free-will offerings of those who have a burden for the work. Pray earnestly that God will put it upon the hearts of His people to stand behind our ministry to the boys in the armed forces as long as there is need. Send all offerings to R. J. Thurmond, 1475 Ellis St., San Francisco, Calif.

Chaplain Joe Gearhart, located at Letterman General Hospital, Presidio of San Francisco, California, one of our Assembly of God chaplains, would be glad to speak in any of our churches. He may be contacted by phone by calling WEst 6111 or EXbrook 4350.

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On Locating Churches

About thirty years ago, in a growing city, some of our people were planning to build a church. A certain corner lot was offered them for \$1,000. The one next, the "key lot," was offered for \$700. Having small resources, they decided to be "penny wise," save the \$300 and buy the inside lot. They built a small church at a low cost first, but afterwards replaced the first church with a good brick structure which cost perhaps \$25,000. But always, through all these years, by a saving of \$300, they have been handicapped by being located off the corner. Of not as much importance as this is the fact that while the lot they bought has increased to a value of \$7,000, the corner lot on which has been an unattractive store building during the years, is valued at \$10,000 (without buildings in each case).

If consideration is being given to a location for a church, several things are good to remember;

1. A lot that is donated to the church "if you will build there" has been the cause of many a miserable and long-regretted location. Accept the lot on condition that it can be sold or traded in on the lot you want.

2. Do not locate next door to the blacksmith shop or on "the wrong side of the tracks" just because the property is cheap there or because you have an inferiority complex.

3. Other things being equal, for a church the corner location is worth twice as much, if not three or four times as much, as the inside lot.

4. Your location should be convenient to the people you wish to serve, near good transportation, and easy to find.

5. You should avoid crowding into the same immediate region with other churches, and especially crowding in

on churches which represent the same type of religion you do.

6. Do not depend entirely on local wisdom. Make use of the district superintendent and also of the conference committee on church and parsonage locations.

7. See that the deed includes the "trust clause." This may save you a lot of trouble, and you have no right to have the property deeded in any other way.

—*The Free Methodist.*

Submitted by H. C. Warwick.

Special Notice!

GENERAL COUNCIL

will convene this year

September 12 - 18

Due to the relaxing of restrictions on travel and holding of conventions, it has been decided to hold the regular General Council Session in

Springfield, Missouri

Home Relinquished

The operation of The Christian Home in Oakland for service personnel is being relinquished by the Servicemen's Department on September 1. This complies with arrangements made for the duration of the war. The Christian Foundation of Oakland will continue to operate the Home for a time.

The Servicemen's Department will continue to operate the Victory Service Center on 14th Street in Oakland as long as it is considered needed.

The Second Coming of Christ

"It Is"

The theme of the Testaments
(Gen. 49:10; Col. 3:4).

The Song of the Seers
(Num. 24:15-19).

The Prediction of the Prophets
(Isa. 9:6, 7; Dan. 7:13, 14).

The Paeon of the Apostles
(2 Pet. 1:11, 16-19; I John 3:2).

The Prayer of the Saints
(Matt. 6:10).

The Assurance of the Saviour
(John 14:3).

The Cry of the Christian
(Rev. 22:20).

The Hope of the Holy
(I John 3:2, 3 cf Rom. 8:24, 25).

The Comfort of the Ecclesia
(I Thess. 4:13-18).

The Reward of the Righteous
(2 Tim. 4:8).

The Salvation of Israel
(Rom. 11:26; Luke 2:34).

The Desire of the Nations
(Hag. 2:6, 7).

The Expectation of Creation
(Rom. 8:18-22).

The Terror of the Wicked
(2 Thess. 1:7-9).

The Climax of Redemption
(I Cor. 15:51-54; Rev. 19:5-9).

—*Wm. Burton McCafferty.*

Schedule of Fellowship Meetings

Sept. 3—Janesville, Oakland
(Arroyo Viejo Park, C.A.
outing and rally), Tu-
lucumne

10—Winters

17—Hiway City, Rio Vista

24—Aptos, Paradise

Oct. 1—Modesto (6th & G)

2—Hoopa

STUDIES IN DANIEL

By J. NARVER GORTNER

Study XII THE PROPHECY OF THE SEVENTY WEEKS

Chapter 9:20-27. Part I

This prophecy, so far as dispensational truth is concerned, is the most important prophecy to be found in the Old Testament. The most important, from the same viewpoint, in the New Testament, is found in Acts 15:14-18. Walter Scott, who has written an outstanding work on Revelation, entitled "Exposition of the Revelation of Jesus Christ," has told us that a prominent student of prophecy, in a letter to him, stated that this prophecy is the key to all prophecy. If this is true, and it is true, how important that we study it, and that we get a right understanding of it. To go astray here is to go astray everywhere.

Verses 20-23 are to be regarded as introductory. Notice these seven facts in the introduction. This marvelous revelation—

1. Came to Daniel while he was engaged in prayer.
2. Came from God through the angel Gabriel.
3. Came at the time of the evening oblation.
4. Brought the announcement that the messenger had come to impart skill and understanding. Gordon renders it, "O Daniel, I have come expressly to enlighten you."
5. Had coupled with it the information that Daniel was heard as soon as he began to pray and that the commandment for the giving of the revelation went forth at that time.
6. Included the assurance that Daniel was one of heaven's favorites. "Thou art greatly beloved," or, as Rotherham renders it, "A man delighted in thou art." And in whom does God delight? "Such as are upright in their way" (Prov. 11:20). And they who are "upright in their way" find delight in those things in which God delights (Jer. 9:24).
7. Contained a command to both "understand the matter and consider the vision." "Mark the word and have understanding of the revelation" (Rotherham). Thus Daniel was made to see that the information that was about to be conveyed to him was exceedingly important. The average reader of the Bible

knows little or nothing about this prophecy, and many earnest seekers after truth have neglected it, or have regarded it as of little value. Some have passed it by for the simple reason that they have not understood it, and have felt that it could not be understood. But Daniel was *commanded* to "understand the matter." It must therefore have been possible for him to do so. And if God did not intend that we should understand it, why has it been recorded? And if He intended that we should understand it, we *can understand it*, if we will apply ourselves to study, seeking divine guidance of that Holy Spirit who has been sent to guide us "into *all truth*" (John 16:13).

The Prophecy Proper begins with verse 24, and if the student will thoroughly familiarize himself with the seven facts that are herewith set forth he will have a good understanding of the prophecy. Every one of these facts is exceedingly important.

I. The Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks Relates Exclusively to the Jewish People and to Jerusalem.

It is doubly important that we remember this. Many students have gone astray right here. They have misunderstood and misinterpreted the prophecy for the reason that they have failed to see that it does not deal with the Gentiles at all; neither does it have any reference whatsoever to the Church of God. Daniel had been thinking about his people, the Jews, and had been considering the prophecy that the captivity was to last seventy years. The seventy years were drawing to a close, and he was moved to pray. He prayed the remarkable prayer that we have already considered. And the angel, in answer to that prayer, came to make a revelation concerning the future of his people, the Jews. The angel said, "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people"—Daniel's people, the Jews—"and upon thy holy city," i.e., Jerusalem. We must at the very outset of our study of this remarkable prophecy get this fact *fully fixed* in our minds. Otherwise we shall go *far astray* in our understanding of this notable prophetic utterance.

II. These Weeks Are Weeks of Years Rather Than Weeks of Days.

There is nothing in the prophecy it-

self to indicate whether hours or days or weeks or months or years are meant. In fact, there is no reference whatsoever in the original text to weeks, the literal rendering being, "Seventy *sevens* are determined," etc. We often speak of the seventy sevens as seventy heptads, a heptad being seven units. We must refer to the context in order to determine whether days or weeks or years are meant. Daniel had been thinking of *years*, the *seventy years* of the captivity. And these *seventy years* that were drawing to a close suggested the subject of his prayer. And the angel, in answer to that prayer, said, "Seventy *heptads* are determined upon thy people," etc. And then, too, it is evident that years, rather than days are meant, for the reason that we know that the first and second periods or divisions, the first a division of seven, and the second of sixty-two heptads, were periods, respectively, of 49 years and 434 years. There can be no question about this, and concerning it all students of prophecy are agreed. The learned Tragelless says, "I retain the word 'week' for convenience sake, and not as implying seven days to be the import of the Hebrew word." Read Gen. 29:26-28, and you will see that it was not unusual to speak of seven years as a week.

III. These Seventy Weeks of Years Were Determined, or, Set Apart, Cut Off from Other Periods of Time, and Divided for a Six-fold Purpose.

And that six-fold purpose has been set down in the angel's words in order that we may be instructed concerning it. The word rendered "determined" is *khawthak*, the primary meaning of which is to divide, and so Rotherham has rendered it, "Seventy weeks have been *divided* concerning thy people and concerning the holy city." But a research into the etymology and usage of the word has uncovered the fact that there are other meanings also; the thought of "determined," and "set apart," and "cut off," as well as "divided," are included. What is true of this word is true of many of the words the Holy Spirit has seen fit to use; there are in it more meanings than any single word in the English language is able to convey. It is important that we be acquainted with this fact, as it enables us to see that there is a reason why this word, like many of the other words of the original

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Youth For Christ

by TOMMY J. CUSTOCK

Several months ago the Lord laid on my heart the need of starting an interdenominational Youth for Christ Rally in Vallejo similar to the many rallies that are now being conducted throughout the country. Being Pentecostal, I felt there were two strikes against me before even getting started. I soon found out that I was right. Several ministers expressed their desire to co-operate in the rallies, but claimed the rallies were Pentecostal meetings; so they were reluctant to support this youth movement. In spite of this handicap the Lord has singularly blessed from the very beginning. We have had capacity crowds at the Golden State Hall located on the main street in the heart of Vallejo. We opened the Rally with Evangelist Paul Pipkin who was a great help, and God used him in a glorious way while here.

The Chief of Police gave us permission to erect a large canvas street sign announcing the weekly youth rallies. The sign has been up now for more than 14 weeks above the busiest street intersection of the city.

This Youth for Christ crusade to bring church guidance and wholesome recreation to the young people on Saturday night has been highly praised by church, civic, and business leaders. The mayor of our city, George C. Demmon, in a public letter which was published in our city papers, urged the young people of the city to support this youth movement. The business people of our city are whole-heartedly backing this program. The youth program seems to be the talk of the town, and so far as we know everyone speaks well of it. The stores co-operated in our announcing a special rally recently in having their clerks wrap a rally card with each purchase. The owner of Vallejo's two newspapers, Mr. Luther Gibson, is supporting this Youth Rally. Much space is devoted to it on the front pages, and most of the rallies have had a headline

streamer across the front page. Mr. Gibson recently said to me, "Keep this rally going; don't let it go down. It's just what we need in Vallejo."

It is our desire in these youth rallies to secure top speakers and the finest of musical talent. For example we have had: Evangelists Paul and Violet Pipkin, our C. A. Vice-president; Dr. Roy Smee, Superintendent of the Nazarene movement; Col. Madsen, strong speaker of the Salvation Army; Chaplain McQueen of the U. S. Navy; David Gaulke, M.D., of Oakland; Dr. "Big Jim" Cramer, former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Los Angeles; Gene Palmer of New York, representing the Pocket Testament League; Al Zahlout, formerly of the "Young People's Church of the Air"; and Wendell St. Clair of Bethel Temple, Sacramento, who has been a real boost to the rallies, singing the gospel into the hearts of the young people. Bob Carrington, our C. A. President, has visited and assisted in several rallies; fine youth talent from Glad Tidings Bible Institute have played and sung in several rallies. A capacity crowd heard eight-year-old Martha Cannistracci, outstanding child evangelist of Brother Irving Ford's church in Oakland. Fifteen



Tommy Custock in Action



Servicemen ready to testify to the reality of Christ and the gospel

came forward that evening for salvation.

These Youth for Christ rallies are growing in popularity and attendance. Capacity crowds are packing the auditorium each week. The Vallejo Youth for Christ is part of a nationwide crusade which has spread throughout the United States as more and more young people are turning to the Christian life as a result of a straightforward, streamlined presentation of the gospel. No greater movement has shown itself in this generation for rallying youth around the cross of Jesus Christ. It is proving a most potent force in America in combating juvenile delinquency.

As the director of this Youth for Christ rally in Vallejo, I sincerely covet the prayers of all the C. A.'s of our District. I trust the Lord will lay it upon the hearts of the young ministers of our District to take advantage of the opportunities afforded them now while public interest is high.

Seeking Canaan

I shall go up to the mountain;
Go up alone to pray
When valleys are oppressive,
And fogs are misting gray.
I shall remember Moses
Who viewed the promised land;
I, too, am seeking Canaan,
And I will understand
How the view one day from a mountain
Of the Canaan he could not know
Could bring such peace and comfort
To Moses long ago. —Selected.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

By MRS. BERNICE MAST, District Sunday School Representative

We Have Been to Summer Camp

For twelve days, from July 30 to August 10, it was our happy privilege to supervise a Daily Vacation Bible School at Scott Camp Creek, ten miles southwest of the little city of Mount Shasta under the sponsorship of the Redding Assembly and Sunday School, of which Brother Robert Doherty is the pastor.

The Camp register listed 88 persons in attendance; 48 of these were boys and girls of the Sunday School; 16 were adults, who were the workers, teachers, and kitchen crew. The other 24 were visitors coming and going during the camp.

The Redding Assembly had a similar camp a year ago. They tell me that they had an increase of 33 1/3 per cent in attendance this year.

Provisions for the camp were not only adequate, but they were abundant. For that reason I asked concerning the method used.

Brother Doherty tells me that provisions for Camp Bible School are built through a special offering taken each Sunday. The members of the school contributing merit the opportunity of attending camp. Outsiders desiring to attend pay \$10 each for the two weeks. Other necessary provisions, such as cooking utensils and help, are provided by the Assembly.

Regular Daily Vacation Bible School program and materials were used in morning classes from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. The afternoons were devoted to supervised recreation, and the evenings to a vesper service and prayer.

The second week, the Redding Camp welcomed a group from the Shasta District, 62 in number. Dunsmuir, Weed, Yreka, Happy Camp, Montague, and Alturas were all represented.

Although I have not had opportunity to ask the other ministers to state their opinions as to the value of the camp, Brother Doherty submitted the following:

The spiritual value is the high point, of course. A number received the experience of salvation; others, spiritual refreshing and blessing.

We made Bible reading and Scripture memory work with incentives a definite part of our program, and noted definite value therefrom.

We also noticed a value in the opportunity of assisting in the development of Christian character in camp, through adjustment to camp life, to group activity, as well as in appointed tasks.

There is a missionary phase also which affords a definite value. The preparation for camp throughout the year has been an attraction to new pupils for the Sunday School, as well as an incentive for regular attendance among the Sunday School members.

Confidence in the Sunday School has been built up through the visitation of the Camp over the week end by the parents and relatives, some of which are non-Christian.

Even though a camp of this kind will always have its various adjustments to make, we conclude it has been worth our every effort. And with all of our hearts, we thank the Lord.

Maybe your Sunday School would be interested in a daily vacation Bible school summer camp. If so, begin to work for it now!

Evangelist Bernice Mast.

Special Notice to Sunday School Secretaries

Brother Grable of the Sunday School Department in Springfield sends us an urgent request to remind you to send in the annual report of your Sunday School. Please take care of this as soon as possible. Thank you.

God Is Truth

God loves the truth,
And that is why
He cannot love us
When we lie.

So let us tell
The truth each day,
And watch each word
We start to say.

—James A. Sanaker.

Boys and Girls

Here are some Bible questions concerning some things of which you hear little. See how many you can answer before you consult the answers we have provided.

1. If you saw a javelin coming toward you, would you run to meet it, catch it and cook it for dinner, or jump out of its path?

2. If you had some kine, would you put it on the table, put it in a pasture, or bury it?

3. If you had a jot and tittle, would you use it to crack nuts with, hang on the wall, or in writing a letter?

4. If you had a sackbut, would you play a hymn on it, pour milk into it, or sleep on it?

5. If you had a sardine, would you write with it, guard it carefully, or spread a piece of bread with it?

6. If you had an ephod, would you go fishing with it, feed it to the cattle, or wear it to church?

7. If you had a malefactor, would you make a fire with it, turn it over to the police, or hang it on a clothesline?

8. If you had grinders, would you sharpen tools with them, chase away the birds, or chew your food with them?

9. If you had a ewe, would you throw it away, put it in a bottle, or give it to a shepherd?

10. If you had a morsel, would you give it to a beggar, clean your shoes with it, or build a house with it?

The Answers appear on page 14.

Shining for Jesus

Children love to smile and shine,
Which of course is very fine;
And if Jesus shines inside
His sweet love they cannot hide.

Many little lights today;
Jesus needs along the way
For the world is dark and sad—
Jesus' lights can make it glad.

Let us shine, then, children, dear,
For the Saviour while we're here;
Then to Him we soon may go
Where no darkness we shall know.
—Selected.

Slumbering Church

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strength, you must partake of the meat of the Word, and it is not found in the gutter.

Paul wrote to the Romans, "Let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light." (13:12). To the Corinthians he wrote, "Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame" (I Cor. 15:34). He wrote to the Ephesians, "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."

Today we need arousing from our slumber and sleepiness, to get out from our carnality and to get into the Spirit of the Lord, and stay there; for all worship out of God's Spirit is nothing but hypocrisy, and avails nothing. We must worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. We must give our Saviour the best we can bring to Him. Look at God's handiwork. With lavish hands He supplied it. What color, variety, and elegance! What symmetry, what loveliness and grandeur we have on this earth, in hill and mountain, sea and sky. We appreciate the beauty of His handiwork. And does He not delight in our worshipping Him in the beauty of holiness?

Why does Isaiah say "put on thy beautiful garments"? What are the beautiful garments of the church of Christ? What is that which makes the church attractive and comely in His sight? The answer is genuine spiritual worship. We must worship Him in spirit and in truth, for that only is pleasing. We cannot come in crudeness, vulgarity, and unsightliness, and expect God's blessing. Too often the reverence and hallowed feelings which should fill every heart and church are missing today. But by putting on our "beautiful garments," we will be able to keep our vows, and a song of praise will arise from consecrated and grateful hearts.

A profession is good, but integrity of character and blamelessness of life are far better. Beautiful garments are purity, truthfulness, generosity, not self-seeking or a life tinged with sin. Our lives must be beautiful in His sight. The church of Christ must arise from her undignified position into which she has fallen.

May our prayers be, "Lord I will be satisfied, when I awake with thy likeness."

Here and There

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Whitt, several were saved and the church was filled on Sunday nights. Duke Kelly is the pastor.

SEBASTOPOL—Evangelist Joseph G. Garland and family began a revival campaign there on August 7. Lloyd L. Jeffrey is the pastor. He has been in evangelistic work in Oklahoma, Texas, and Arizona before coming into this District.

SOLEDAD—To add to the good report of the meetings held there by Brother M. T. Draper, Pastor Thomas A. Simms writes that the Sunday school has grown to a new high. One sister who had no class went out and gathered together 14 boys, brought them in, and started a new class. Souls were saved and filled during the meetings.

SONOMA—Pastor W. J. Griggs of the church in Sonoma has been conducting tent meeting in Boyce Springs, a few miles out of Sonoma. Nearby ministers have been helping, including the District Presbyter, Brother M. P. Bohnet.

STIRLING CITY—The North Sacramento Valley fellowship meeting and C.A. rally was held there July 30. Pastor Morse Hammond of Oroville was the afternoon speaker. The evening speaker was Pastor Paul Radley of Chico. Pastor Glenn Akers reports that the special meeting with Evangelists E. J. Holmes and T. G. Jackson "have been very profitable to the church."

STOCKTON—Brother John Bostrom is the new pastor, assuming the work of the church on September 2, and succeeding Brother E. O. Robeck who recently resigned. Brother Robeck has been pastor of the church in Stockton for ten years, and it was during that time that the lovely building known as Calvary Tabernacle was built.

TRACY—The North San Joaquin fellowship meeting was held at Glad Tidings on August 6. Brother Cecil J. Lowry of Oakland was the speaker at the afternoon service. In the evening, Pastor Walter Larson of Modesto was the speaker.

WATSONVILLE — Brother Charles J. Coffey of Seaside has been chosen to be the successor to Pastor C. C. Catledge, who resigned recently.

WESTWOOD—The Nevada District fellowship meeting held August 6 was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. Brother S. H. Robertson of Fallon and Brother Wm. Savidge of Reno were the special speakers. Evangelist Ray Riddlesperger held a revival campaign there a few weeks ago with good results. A. A. White is the pastor.

Personal Mention

Evangelist B. C. FINFROCK recently held a three weeks meeting in Bandon, Oregon.

Brother T. J. JONES was one of the speakers at the Kansas District camp meeting held August 9 to 19. Prior to that time, he was a speaker at the Greenlane camp meeting in New York.

Evangelist and Mrs. STANLEY Mc-

PERSON are back on the field after leaving Lodi. Their first meeting was in Long Beach, California. Their daughter, Ruth, will continue her studies in music in Southern California while her parents continue on in evangelistic work.

Wedding Bells

Dorothy Thurmond became the bride of Ivan Chapman, Chief Petty Officer of the U.S. Navy, in a beautiful ceremony in Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco, on August 1. The bride's father officiated, assisted by Pastor L. R. Keys.

In the home of her parents, Brother and Sister L. A. Constant of Vacaville, Verla Constant was united in marriage to Ensign James K. Redwine of Richmond, in a ceremony performed by Brother C. E. Persing.

New Arrival

Pastor and Mrs. Robert W. Pirtle of Hayward are the proud and happy parents of a son born August 9. The young man will be known as Robert W. Pirtle, Jr.

Canyonville Bible Academy

C.B.A. looks forward to an expanding program for the coming high school season beginning in September. At present, the curriculum offered, plus elective subjects, exceeds that of many public high schools. The Christian environment and training offered at C.B.A. builds the best of noble young men and women for the responsibilities of the post war world. Students say that it is a real joy to attend a high school where Christ is honored and where faith is made strong.

Quite a number of the students have been filled with the Holy Spirit. During our revival in the spring with Rev. and Mrs. E. Wm. Anderson, four or six were filled in one service. Many others were re-filled and strengthened. We have enjoyed a fine student body of highest character from all parts of the west. Also among our students have been several children of missionaries abroad.

C.B.A. welcomes visitors and welcomes your requests for information. Address Canyonville Bible Academy, Canyonville, Oregon.

—ROBERT SHAFFER, Secretary.

Tidings

Have you bought your *Memory Book* yet? How many books have you sold? These questions are heard often among the students now. They are seen working—pictures must be drawn; pictures must be taken, and then blocked for cuts; articles must be written; pages must be planned. There are many things involved in producing an annual.

The editorial staff consists of the following: Editor, Lois Ebinger; Associate Editors, Loren Triplett and Ward Honey; Business Manager, Vernon Ragsdale; Advertising Solicitor, Jack Wien; Secretary-Treasurer, Winona Tussey; Art Editor, Shirley Craig; Art Assistant, Harrison McGuigan; Missionary Editor, James Kessler; Music Editor, Mary Hallack; Practical Work Editor, Blanche Adams; Feature Editor, Delores Gray; Photography Editor, John McCullough; Senior Editor, Pauline Bartsch; Junior Editor, David Slankard; Freshman Editor, Bob Johnson. The aim of the staff is to produce a book that will be influential in the lives of young people. The need for workers in the whitened harvest field is great—young people should prepare for the challenge that is now before them.

The title of the book is *Tidings Memory Book*. It contains 48 pages which give information concerning Bible school life. Many people are curious about what Bible school is like, what the activities of Bible school are. *Tidings* will give the desired facts. The Missionary Society presents interesting information concerning its various functions. The Practical Work Department also has a section. Those who are musically inclined will be interested in the music section.

The Lord has blessed the editorial staff as its members have been laboring together. Special prayer meetings have been held, remembering the Lord said "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." The staff feels that Glad Tidings Bible Institute is a good place to gain the necessary training for working in His harvest field. Young people, train for the opportunities of TODAY!

If the reader would like to obtain *Tidings* simply write to Glad Tidings Bible Institute, 1441 Ellis Street, San Francisco, Calif. Enclose \$1.10 (this covers the price of the book, \$1.03 and mailing). Please write your name and address very clearly. The *Tidings* will be out some time in September.

A Chapel With Wings

During a raid on Schweinfurst several months ago, one of our bombers, "Battlin' Bobbie," was hit, and two of her engines were knocked out. A newspaper columnist relates what happened:

For five hundred miles the bomber hedgehopped over trees, roof tops, and enemy pill boxes. All the time, as the plane limped along, her crew kept praying that the two smoking engines wouldn't blow up. When they finally reached home and the perspiring pilot climbed out, his comment was, "We made a chapel out of that airplane today."

We can make a chapel out of every conveyance and every situation we are in. The Bible says, "I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." (1 Tim. 2:8).

Answers to Questions on Page 12 Alumnitems of G.T.B.I.

1. Jump out of its path because it is a dangerous weapon.
2. Put them in a pasture because they are cattle.
3. Use it in writing a letter because a jot and tittle are a form of punctuation.
4. Play a hymn on it because it is a musical instrument.
5. Guard it carefully because a sardine is a precious stone.
6. Wear it to church; it is a garment.
7. Turn it over to the police because a malefactor is a criminal.
8. Chew your food because grinders are teeth.
9. Give it to a shepherd because a ewe is a female sheep.
10. Give it to a beggar because it is food.

From time to time, Glad Tidings Temple has the privilege of welcoming out-



F. W. Pope

standing graduates of the Bible Institute back to its platform in the capacity of evangelists. On such occasions, the staff experiences a feeling of excusable pride. The temple and school are proud of all the faithful pastors, dynamic evangelists, and Christian workers who have gone from its classrooms.

Evangelist Wesley Pope, who has just begun a series of meetings in Glad Tidings, is one of many such graduates. Since graduating in 1935, Brother Pope has had a good ministry which has reached across the nation. He has pastored a number of churches and done extensive evangelistic work. In 1941 his efforts were amplified by the lovely voice and marimba music of Inez Brown, of Springfield, Massachusetts, who changed her name to Inez Pope. Also a member of their party is Lanny, their young son.

Glad Tidings was stirred by the forceful message of Brother Pope preached at the opening service Sunday, August 19, and a number of souls were at the altar for salvation. As the meetings progress, we are trusting God for a real time of refreshing and for the salvation of scores of souls.

Many such young men and women as Brother Pope have gone out from this place to do great exploits for the glory of God. The school is proud of every one, and L. R. Keys, pastor of the temple, always gives them a royal welcome to the meetings and to the platform of Glad Tidings Temple.

—O. CHAS. SMITH, *Secretary*.

A Question

If I really, really trust Him,
Shall I ever fret?
If I really do expect Him,
Can I e'er forget?
If by faith I really see Him,
Shall I doubt His aid?
If I really, really love Him,
Can I be afraid?

—Record of Christian Work.

text, has been variously rendered by different translators.

Here is the six-fold purpose of God to be accomplished during the seventy weeks, as set forth in verse 24:

1. To finish the transgression. The transgression of Israel of which Paul speaks in Rom. 11:25, 26. Someday "ungodliness shall be turned away from Jacob," and this is what is meant by "finishing the transgression," for the transgression of Israel will then have been finished, or will have come to an end.

2. To make an end of sins, or, as in the margin, "seal up" sins, the word being the same as the word rendered "seal up" a little farther on in the verse. The reference may be to the sealing up of Satan, the author of sin, in the bottomless pit (Rev. 20:1-3).

3. To make reconciliation, or, atonement for iniquity. The reference to iniquity seems to be a reference to the iniquity of Israel in rejecting the Messiah, this being Israel's crowning iniquity, or the iniquity in which all other iniquities of the nation culminated. "He came unto His own, and his own received Him not." At the time of the second stage of our Lord's second advent "they shall look upon Him whom they have pierced" (Zech. 12:10), and in that day their great iniquity will be covered, for there will be real repentance, and a nation will be born in a day.

4. To bring in everlasting righteousness. The righteousness will be everlasting so far as Israel is concerned, for Israel will have no part in the apostasy at the end of the millennial age. See Rev. 20:7-9. Young renders the word "age-during." Greek scholars, however, are practically a unit in rendering it as it is here rendered. The word means "everlasting," or "eternal," and there is no word in the English language that so well expresses the meaning.

5. To seal up the vision and prophecy, or, to make an end of prophecy so far as Israel is concerned. Every prophetic utterance that has not yet been fulfilled will be fulfilled. See Isa. 40:6-8.

6. To anoint the Most Holy. Dr. Seiss thinks that the meaning is to "put into place and effect a 'holiness of holinesses,' which," he adds, "is the literal

sense of the words." There has been, however, a difference of opinion concerning the significance of the expression. Some of the best interpreters believe that the reference is to the cleansing of the temple at the time of the end. That the temple will need cleansing after it shall have been polluted by the setting up of the image of Antichrist in it there can be no doubt. It needed cleansing after it had been polluted by Antiochus Epiphanes, and it will need cleansing before the millennial age can begin.

IV. These Seventy Weeks of Years Are Divided into Three Sections, or Divisions, the First a Period of Seven Weeks, or 49 Years; the Second a Period of Sixty-two Weeks, or 434 Years; and the Third a Period of One Week, or Seven Years.

It is especially important that we get these divisions fixed in our minds if we are going to understand the prophecy; otherwise, we shall not understand it at all; it will be to us an enigma, as it is to many; a veritable Chinese puzzle. God apparently divided the seventy weeks into these divisions, or periods, for the special benefit of Israel, and for our special benefit; for while the prophecy relates exclusively to the Jews and to Jerusalem, there is in it a great store of information for us who are Christians—a great amount of light that God would have shed, for our special benefit, upon other portions of the prophetic Word.

V. The Time of the Beginning of This Period of Seventy Weeks, or, 490 Years, Is Clearly Stated.

It was to begin "with the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem" (verse 25). This was in B. C. 445. It was "in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king" (Neh. 2:1). This Artaxerxes is to be regarded as the Ahasuerus of Esther 1:1, and the Darius of Daniel 6:1, the husband of Esther and father of Cyrus before whom God said He would open the two-leaved gates (Isa. 45:1). Artaxerxes, Ahasuerus, and Darius, are all to be regarded, not as proper names, but as appellatives. A sovereign might be called at different times during his reign by a different appellative, as the late sovereign of Germany, for instance, was sometimes known as the Emperor, sometimes as the Kaiser, and sometimes as Wilhelm.

This first period of seven weeks was consumed in the work of reconstruction in Jerusalem. "The street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous

times." We read about these "troubled times" in Ezra and Nehemiah.

The two remaining divisions of this study will be considered in the next issue. They are as follows:

VI. We Are Told Distinctly of Some Important Things That Are to Take Place After the Second Period of Sixty-two Weeks or 434 Years—483 Years from the Beginning of the Seventy Weeks—Shall Have Come to an End. Verse 26.

VII. The 70th Week, or, the Last Seven Years of the Whole Period of 70 Weeks, Is Yet Future, There Being a Parenthesis Between the 69th Week and the 70th Week, into Which Has Been Fitted by God This Church Age, the Dispensation of Grace in Which We Now Live, an Age in Which the Middle Wall of Partition Between Jews and Gentiles Has Been Broken Down. Verse 27.

Let the student get these seven facts fully fixed in his mind. The two last named are so very important that a consideration of them must be reserved for the second period of this Study.

W.M.C.
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kind of clothing needed in the Islands as the climate is warm there. Thank you and all the W.M.C. in general for the splendid gift. I am sure my people will appreciate them. God bless you and may He return you a hundredfold for the splendid work being done and especially your gift to my own people."

A nice letter was also received from Brother E. C. Lagmay, President of the Filipino Assemblies of God, regarding the clothing sent to San Jose.

—Mrs. R. J. T.

Folding Organ

Brother R. S. Wilbor wants to buy a folding organ to use in gospel work. His address is Route 2, Box 665, Mill Valley, California.

For Sale

A used mimeograph, late model in good condition.

Pastor A. A. White, P.O. Box 887, Westwood, California.

Sometimes the people who are most in need of advice are those who are always trying to give it away.

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How candid we can be when confessing other people's sins!

Why Go to Church

You ask me why I go to church?
I give my mind a careful search,
Because I need to breathe the air
Where there's an atmosphere of prayer;
I need the hymns the churches sing,
They set my faith and hope a-swing
They keep old truths in memory green,
Reveal the worth of things unseen.

Because my neighbor needs to go,
His faith in right is rather low;
He needs the church to hold him fast
To those great truths that always last:
And when he sees me on my way,
It draws him to the church to pray
And both our hearts are lifted up
To heavenly places where we sup.

Because my boy is watching me
To note whatever he can see
That tells him what his father thinks,
And with his eager soul he drinks
The things I do in daily walk,
The things I say in daily talk;
If I with him the church will share,
My son will make his friendships there.

Because the church builds up the state
Breaks down the barriers of hate,
And helps to spread unselfish life,
Allay all bickering and strife:
Sustains a wholesome public health
And builds a righteous commonwealth—
A joyous place in which to live—
With all the blessings God can give.
—*Gospel Broadcast.*

But seek ye first the kingdom of God
and His righteousness; And all these
things shall be added unto you. Matt.
6:33.

See how the Bible opens: "In the
beginning God." Let your life open in
the same way. Seek with your whole
soul, first and foremost, the kingdom
of God, as the place of your citizenship,
and His righteousness as the character
of your life. As for the rest, it will
come from the Lord without your being
anxious concerning it.

—*C. H. Spurgeon.*

If some people would be a little more
careful about where they step, those who
follow them wouldn't stumble so much.

It is self-evident that deep wells can-
not be made on the surface. Neither
can deep spirituality be discovered in
mere surface piety. It takes digging to
make a well.

What My Absence Did

1. It made some question of the real-
ity of my religion.
2. It made some think that I re-
garded my spiritual welfare as of small
concern.
3. It weakens the effect of the church
service.
4. It made it harder for the preacher
to preach.
5. It discouraged the brethren and
therefore robbed them of a blessing.
6. It caused others to stay away from
church.
7. It made it harder for me to meet
the temptations of the week.
8. It gave the devil more power over
lost souls.
9. It encouraged the habit of non-
church-going.

What My Presence Did

1. It caused people to have con-
fidence in me.
2. It made people know that I re-
garded my spiritual welfare and that
of others as a matter of great impor-
tance.
3. It had a good effect on the serv-
ices.
4. It made others feel more welcome.
5. It encouraged the brethren and
helped the preacher in his work.
6. It caused others to come to the
house of God.
7. It made my life stronger for the
week before me.
8. It pleased God and I was happy.

The Unexpected

I know not what may come today,
Some needy soul may cross my way;
Lord, give me words of cheer I pray,
To meet the unexpected.

Perhaps some loss may come to me,
Some care, or some perplexity.
Then He my strength and stay shall be
To face the unexpected.

How oft within the trivial round
So many trying things are found;
But He can make all grace abound
For all the unexpected.

No matter what the call may be,
Or changes that may come to me;
His Hand of love in all I see
From sources unexpected.

Why should I ever have one fear,
Though oft the way be dark and drear?
For Christ my risen Lord draws near
With blessings unexpected.

—*E. Buckley, England.*

ON THE AIR

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L. R. KEYS, *Pastor*

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KHSL, Chico, California

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KBKR, Baker

KODL, The Dalles

KWRC, Pendleton

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Morgan, Pastor.

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Hull Harmonizers

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The Oakland Temple Church,
Winston Nelson, Pastor.

KSRO, Santa Rosa, 1350 kc.
5:00 p.m. Sunday
Assembly of God program
Pastor E. L. Stewart, Sebastopol, Calif.

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Pastor D. G. Weston of Bethel Church, of
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Pastor Joe H. Harper, Central Valley

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Sunday, 11:30 to 12:00 noon
Friday, 10 p.m.
Calvary Tabernacle program direct from
tabernacle in Stockton.
Pastor E. O. Robeck

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The Gospel Lighthouse Program.
The Assembly of God church, Merced.
J. E. Schmidt, pastor.